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A Win-Win For Glen Canyon Park Users: Day Camp Children Will Come On Buses

NOTE: Since this article was written, it appears that Rec and Park's plans for the day camp are considerably different from what Joel Robinson promised us. More to come in the next issue of Glen Park News.

Joel Robinson, General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department, met with Zoanne Nordstrom and John Dahlen last October to discuss Glen Canyon Park. Mr. Robinson had fabulous news: Bus Service for Silver Tree Day Camp Children will be reinstated. Children will once again, be picked up by bus from neighborhood parks and brought to Silver Tree Day Camp for a one-week day camp experience this summer.

This news is a true win-win for everyone: private vehicles will no longer degrade the park environment and impact the safety of children, and children from the neighborhoods that have not been served by the day camp will again be served. Robinson gave concrete assurances: "No parents will drive into the Canyon. We are not paving, putting down rocks, pebbles or gravel on the road; we are not

building any gates, curbs, roads or parking spaces. We will not do any grading. In fact, the asphalt put down this last spring will be picked up from the area near the creek. Parents will enroll their children at neighborhood parks. The exact drop-off place(s) is being worked out."

A little background information: In 1941 the Recreation and Park Department created a day camp in Glen Canyon Park so that children living in San Francisco who did not have the opportunity for a nature and camp experience could have a week -- in their own city -- for day camp. The children were bused in from different neighborhood parks each morning and were delivered back to their neighborhood

—Zoanne Nordstrom (For Neighbors for a Car-Free Park)

park each day when camp was over. Going to Silver Tree Day Camp for one week during the summer was the "highlight" of summer experience for many children who were not privileged enough to get "out of town" for a summer vacation. But, in 1988, the Recreation and Park Department eliminated the bus service that picked up children at their neighborhood park centers.

With the elimination of bus service, the entire day camp program changed from a camp for all children to one for those whose parents were able to personally bring them to the Silver Tree Day Camp. Most parents drove their six- to 12-year-old children to the park and into the canyon to the

building. This drive-in policy resulted in approximately 3,500 trips per week over the one small, flat road -- degrading the canyon, disturbing wildlife and, most importantly, creating a safety hazard for children and other pedestrians in the canyon.

As a consequence of the lack of busing, the habitat, the wildlife and the pedestrian park experience suffered.

Numerous complaints

by park users led to a plan from Rec and Park, which was developed with limited neighborhood participation. The plan called for parking spaces to be cut into the grasslands for the private nursery school that uses the day camp building during the school year, additional parking spaces near the recreation center, a circular road running behind the rec center, paving, curbs and even a private gate for the school.

In essence, the plan would have institutionalized driving and parking in this rare biodiverse habitat. Once most residents of the neighborhood discovered these plans, fierce

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The Park in Glen Park

—Joan Siewald

Those of us who fought long and hard to save Glen Canyon Park from becoming part of the Panhandle Freeway always look with fear and skepticism upon any attempt to "improve" the park, be it more trails, a par course or roads. Usually our fears are well grounded, as we have seen bits and pieces of the park nibbled away.

Relative newcomers may take the park for granted and assume it is always here to sit and enjoy at our leisure, and that with the current environmental spirit, all is well. Maybe not.

We almost lost most of what is now Glen Canyon Park. It was not the members of the Park Commission becoming tree-huggers that helped save it, but the persistence of the neighborhood and, to some degree, the rationing of oil, which made gasoline more expensive.

This sad tale of woe began in 1962 when the supervisors of San Francisco first authorized an "improvement" to O'Shaughnessy Boulevard -- widening the road to four lanes, then running an overpass up through the canyon and cutting many of the trees. By 1965, the residents of Glen Park had mounted what, even today, seems a never-ending

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Glen Canyon Park

Photo by Z. Nordstrom

From the Newspaper Staff

Get Out The Paper!

How does *Glen Park News* reach your door step? It's delivered by someone in your neighborhood.

For purposes of getting the paper out, Glen Park has been divided up into distribution routes, which are assigned to volunteers who distribute the newspapers four times a year.

Some areas of Glen Park are not getting their newspapers regularly because there is no one assigned to those routes at this time. Would you be interested in getting the paper out? The routes are manageable -- they average 85 newspapers and usually require only one hour every three months. It's a great way to get some exercise, see your neighbors and do something for your community at the same time. If you are interested in delivering the *Glen Park News*, please call me at 239-4375. I will be happy to return your call to give you more information and help you get involved! *Kevin Janssen*



Oops!

There were some mistakes in our winter issue: The name of the President of the Glen Park Association, John Dahlen (not Dalene), was

misspelled under the photograph of the Community Festival. Sarah Shea (not Shey) was a helper with the games, and the "before" historical photo is dated 1930s (not 1910). Thanks for the corrections.

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opposition arose. The issues were defined as: Do cars belong in parks? Should people be able to drive into any park at any time? How do cars affect the biodiversity of this unique canyon with its riparian habitat? Why are we compromising the safety of pedestrians by encouraging people to drive into our park?

After many meetings, a Rec and Park work group, proposals, picketing, hearings, petitions (more than 2,500 signatures), letters, faxes, e-mails and other constructive actions, Mayor Willie Brown assigned Rich Rovetti from his office to act as a liaison with Rec and Park to work with Joel Robinson and Emilio Cruz (MUNI General Manager) to find a way to bring back the bus service to provide a day camp experience for San Francisco children.

They did it! According to the plan that Robinson,

Cruz and Rovetti worked out, children will be picked up from their neighborhood parks on a rotating basis. That is, the buses will pick up children at different parks each week. Parents will enroll their children at their neighborhood park. Parents will no longer need to drive to the day camp, the fragile environment of Glen Canyon Park will be protected, and San Francisco children who have not been served by the day camp will now be able to participate in the program. Counselors will escort the children from the bus drop-off points to the day camp facility. This provides an opportunity to educate the children about the flora and fauna of the canyon and promote interest in nature, science and environmental protection.

If you are interested in being a counselor for the summer program, please call the Recreation and Park personnel department for

details. As a bonus for the day camp children, knowledgeable members of Friends of Glen Canyon have offered to train the counselors, teaching them about the wildlife and native plants in the canyon. Call Joel Robinson at 666-7080 or write and thank him for working out a plan that keeps cars and buses out of Glen Canyon Park, protects the safety of children and other pedestrians, and protects the fragile environment of Glen Canyon. Also, write to Mayor Brown and thank him for his assistance. It would be great if you could send copies to Rovetti and Cruz as well. (Mayor Brown and Rich Rovetti are at City Hall, 401 Van Ness, SF 94102; Emilio Cruz is at MUNI, Presidio at Masonic, SF 94115; Joel Robinson is at McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan, SF 94117.)

Another bonus for the day camp program is that some Glen Park residents have

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Neighborhood Improvement

Several people have inquired about undergrounding utility wires in Glen Park. Some people along Chenery Street had their wires put underground in the 1960s as part of the O'Shaughnessy widening project. Glen Park is on a list to have utility wires put underground, but it may take forever for our turn.

Neighborhoods can request and pay to have it done by the City. Property owners on contiguous blocks of Castro, Laidley and Surrey streets petitioned the City to place their wires underground a few years ago; at the time, they were told that their area would be placed on a waiting list, and that the wait would likely be more than 10 years. (They're still waiting!)

We are interested in knowing who would be interested in undergrounding wires, so please leave your name and phone number so we can get back to you. This is a first step; more information will be gathered and disseminated to those who express an interest. The contact person is Hal Jordy at 469-9384.

offered to sponsor a child whose parents cannot afford the fee. (Last summer it was \$35/week; the fee schedule for this year is not out yet.) If you are interested in sponsoring a child for the summer, please call *Glen Park News* (737-1366) and leave your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you with information.

Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard to reinstate the buses for the Silver Tree Day Camp children.

In Glen Canyon Park

—Jean Conner

One of the pleasures of a walk in Glen Canyon Park is the sounds one hears. Traffic sounds are muted, especially on a foggy day. In the quiet, one can relax and enjoy the peacefulness of the canyon.

In winter, after a rain, there is the sound of water dripping from the trees, running down the hillsides and rushing over rocks and branches in the creek. Miniature waterfalls appear all along the creek. On windy days the creaking of tree branches is accompanied by the soft rustle of leaves. Occasionally, there is a sharp snap as a limb breaks and falls. In among the Monterey pines a cone falls, its sound muffled by the thick layer of pine needles below.

On a warm morning in early spring, when the willows are blooming, there is the buzz of bees seeking nectar and pollen. Birds send up a constant twitter as they hunt insects among the catkins and leaves. A hummingbird makes a strange insect-like buzz from a top branch of a willow. I'm told this is actually a very complex and beautiful song, but human hearing cannot process the sounds; only when the recorded song is played at a slow speed can we hear its beauty.

If you are lucky, you'll see the hummingbird performing its courtship or territorial display. It flies straight up until it almost disappears from sight, pauses for a second, then dives down so fast your eyes can hardly follow it. At the bottom of the dive, as it pulls up, the air passing through

its tail feathers creates a sharp buzzing sound. When the red-tailed hawk is in residence, you often hear its call before you can see it hovering in its search for food. The young hawks can be quite noisy, especially when learning to hunt as they fly, begging to be fed by the adults.

Many of the sounds you'll hear in the canyon are bird sounds. A soft, high-pitched "pst-pst" comes from a flock of bushtits. The nuthatches high up in the trees make a harsher sound. Then there is the soft call of the mourning dove. Sometimes you'll hear the whistling of its wings as it flies to its perch in the willow. Dusk is when the great horned owl can sometimes be heard. Its call is surprisingly loud, yet its flight is silent.

One of the most beautiful sounds to my ears is the flute-like call of a Swainson's thrush. On a warm summer afternoon, its call comes from deep in the willow thicket, accompanied by the drone of many insects. On those rare warm days of late summer a gentle breeze can send seed pods softly rattling, and in the warm dry air you'll hear the snap and click as pods pop open and seeds are scattered.

As cooler days approach in the fall, the golden-crowned sparrows return from nesting farther north. You will hear their plaintive call, "Oh, dear me" as they shelter in the willows.

On your walks through the park, stop and listen. Enjoy the music that nature provides.

Fall into the Glen Park Community Festival

—Kevin Janssen

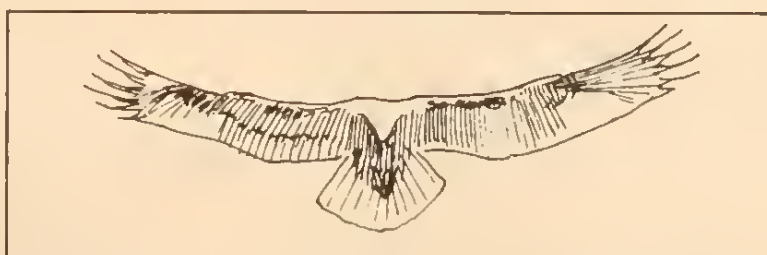
It's time to begin organizing for the second annual Glen Park Community Festival, tentatively scheduled for this Autumn. Our first festival was very successful and demonstrated remarkable community support for such a first-time endeavor. Operating on a very limited budget with a handful of volunteer organizers, we managed to present the festival to the community with only a few months' lead time.

Having one festival under our belts, experience has taught us that we need to begin work on this year's event sooner than we did last year. So we are asking people to step forward now and volunteer to work on the various committees to help present the second annual festival.

We intend to keep the focus of the festival on Glen Park, and to involve our neighborhood in the creative process. We welcome any suggestion you may have to develop the festival. Many suggestions were received before and during last year's festival, which we are considering for this year's event.

Suggestions are wonderful and a great starting point for action. However, ideas can't implement themselves; they need people to bring them to fruition. There is a lot of satisfaction to be gained in working on a community project, and the festival provides a wonderful opportunity to give back to your community.

There are many committees to choose from, including children's activities, crafts and demonstrations, information booths, vendor spaces and musical entertainment. There are also committees such as finance, permit requirements, merchant participation and sponsorship, publicity, and of course the famous Glen Park Raffle. Putting together a festival that is unique to a neighborhood such as the Glen Park's Community Festival covers a wide spectrum of areas and provides something of interest to anyone who is community minded and willing to return their good fortune of being able to live in such a wonderful community.



If you are interested in helping present the second annual Glen Park Community Festival or would like more information on how you can become involved, please call 737-1366 and leave your name and phone number. We will be happy to return your call, answer your questions and give you more information. We'd love to have you aboard. Volunteer now! Join the fun! Join the feeling! Catch the energy! Call 737-1366 today!

Art Show for Glen Park Artists

Higher Grounds Coffee Shop proprietor Manhal Jaiwet has offered his wall space during the month of July for a Glen Park Art Show. Glen Park artists can display one painting for the month, and he expects a variety of fabulous artistic creations. There are many artists in the neighborhood and this a chance for all

of us to get acquainted with their work. If you're an artist, contact Manhal and let him know what (and what size) painting you want to display. Manhal is also an artist; one of his own paintings may be among the selected works of art. Contact him at Higher Grounds, 691 Chenery St., 587-2933.

Trees for Glen Park!

Friends of the Urban Forest is sponsoring an upcoming tree planting of the Glen Park area. Usually, it costs about \$300 to plant a tree in the sidewalk, but if you take part in this group planting, it will cost only \$25 per tree (which includes its first pruning)! We are hoping to plant our trees in April, so please contact me ASAP. Don't miss this opportunity! Friends of the Urban Forest may not be back in our neighborhood for a long time. For more information and to get signed up, call Jill Moran at 452-6963.



Check It Out At The Library

—Jane Hudson

Thanks to all who visited the exhibit of historic Glen Park photographs at the library through January. Thanks also to volunteer Scott Brasfield for the work he did to prepare the exhibit, and to Patricia Duff, volunteer with City Guides, for her informative local history talks.

Although the exhibit ended in January, the poster-sized enlargements on the wall of the library will remain as a permanent exhibit, and other photos may be viewed at the library. Watch this space for announcements of future exhibits. We'll also reproduce a selection of archive photos from time to time in the newsletter. Upcoming library programs:

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CLARA YEN: Asian Folk & Fairy Tales, a family program. Wednesday, April 30, 7 p.m.

PRESCHOOL FILMS & STORYTIMES: Tuesdays at 10 & 10:45 a.m.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: Coming in June!

TEEN PROGRAM

MAKING ART FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS: presented by the SF Recycling Center. Wednesday, April 23, at 4 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

AMATCHI, Textile Artist: shows her work and discusses the history of quilting.

Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE! Saturday, April 19, 2-4 p.m. Join us for a celebration of National Library Week (April 13-19). We'll have a mini-exhibit on the history of the Glen Park Branch Library, and information about library services and programs. Refreshments will be served. (April is also National Poetry Month.)

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Glen Park Association:

2nd Tuesday of the month

7:30 p.m.

Recreation Center

May 13th, SF 49er Stadium debate

Friends of Glen Canyon Park Meeting Schedule:

3rd Wednesday of the month

7:30pm

Recreation Center

March 19th

April 16th

May 21st

Friends of Glen Canyon Plant Restoration:

3rd Saturday of the month

9 a.m. to noon

Meet behind the Recreation Center

March 15th

April 19th

May 17th

Spring Wildflower Walks in Glen Canyon Park:

Saturday morning

10 a.m.

Meet behind the Recreation Center at picnic table

March 22nd

April 12th

Art Shows Coming to Cafe ?

March: Watercolors by Delores Thomas

April: Artwork by Glen Park Afterschool

May: Artwork by David Celoria's

Kindergarten

June: Oils by Alberta Mischke

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Consumer Smarts... A Guide for the Perplexed.

—Ellis Gans

This new column for the Glen Park newsletter is based on real situations and offers suggestions for dealing with typical consumer problems.

Coping with Contracts

Read the contract before you sign. Yes, it's a drag, but can save you lots of grief later.

You can add or delete from any printed contract as long as both you and the seller initial each change.

Look for an escape clause when buying a future service, such as a subscription to a fitness center, talent training for your kids, or dance lessons for the next year. Suppose you want out of the contract because the service isn't what you wanted or expected or were promised, or you move away, or become incapacitated? Do not confuse this cancellation clause with the state-mandated three-day cooling off period that applies to dating services, health studios, door-to-door sales, timesharing, seller assisted marketing plans and weight-loss services.

Add a clause stating your pro-rated refund of any advance payment, and how long the company has to make the refund after you notify them.

If you wish to cancel, notify the seller in writing and insist on a written acknowledgment that your contract has been cancelled.

If the salesperson has made significant promises to induce you to purchase a product or service be sure these are included in the written contract.

If the seller is unwilling to accept your changes because "it is against company policy," take your business elsewhere.

Ellis Gans is a retired electrical contractor who volunteers his time as a Consumer Advisor for KGO Consumer Hotline and Channel 7 On Your Side. Consumer questions can be phoned to the station Monday through Friday between 11 am and 1 pm at (415)954-8151. Ellis is also a business counselor for SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) and the Treasurer of the Glen Park Association.

Park in Glen Park con't from page 1 campaign known as "Save Glen Park."

The first battle over the park lasted close to 15 years. We had been fortunate enough to learn about the plans in the beginning; being very determined individuals (we would be called environmentalists or, pejoratively, tree-huggers today) we bird-dogged the supervisors meetings, wrote letters to editors and garnered support wherever we could. We'd get one plan defeated, then a "revised" one would pop up and we would go through the whole process again. And again.

For a while, we thought that Mr. Geertz, then Chief Engineer, was just waiting to see if the "Gum Tree Ladies" would move or lose interest. We did neither. Geertz retired, higher gas prices made cars and freeways less attractive and preserving the environment became popular.

I, for one, have become rather paranoid about the park. It seems to me that because it's there, people feel it has to be "improved." I do not feel putting in benches "improves" a park. To my mind, the park in Glen Park "makes" the neighborhood. I don't know anyone who bought into the neighborhood because there is a Bank of America branch here. I am expressing this opinion as one who took her children to the park's playground almost every sunny day possible, sent the darlings to Silver Tree Day Camp (they walked in, as did we for parent's night). I am one of the Gum Tree Ladies.

Traffic and Parking Update

—Linda Montgomery

Traffic Signal Due: The traffic signal for the Bosworth, Congo and Elk intersection is finally on the drawing board. The GPA and neighborhood residents have long complained about the ineffective four-way STOP at the approach to O'Shaughnessy. In the past, the City responded that the solution is a traffic signal but there were never available funds. Now, with a combination of federal and state monies, the signal will be a reality before year end.

The timetable consists of the following steps: basic design in February; detailed design and contract out to bid in April/May; contract award in June/July; construction begins August/September. The project description currently calls for a four-way signal. This will allow the maximum flexibility in developing a light sequence to move the traffic through this difficult intersection.

No Traffic, Why the Red Light?: Coming off I-280, just as you round the corner onto Monterey towards Diamond, you are the only car/pedestrian on the road, the flashing yellow turns a solid red. Sound familiar? We've all experienced this wait at the intersection of Monterey, Diamond and the San Jose offramp. If you think it wasn't always this way you are correct. But, as part of the earthquake repairs on the 101/I-280 interchange, the light was modified. At that time, the intersection was controlled by CalTrans and the City had little input. The management of this intersection has transferred to City control and an overhaul is planned. Hopefully, sensors will be embedded on the San Jose offramp so that the presence of a car will trigger a red light for the cars on Monterey. This should help eliminate the late night waiting at this intersection.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE HAS MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH SFPD

The Public Safety Committee meets every third Tuesday at the SFPD Ingleside District Station located at #1 Sgt. John Young Lane, off of San Jose Avenue near Ocean Avenue.

Captain Gregory Corrales, Commanding Officer, conducts the meetings and discusses current events, crime statistics and various neighborhood issues

with all the residents attending. Citizens are encouraged to ask questions and voice their concerns over issues facing their particular neighborhood or street.

For January 1997, 58 incidents were reported for the Glen Park area, compared to 83 for January 1996. Officer Jerry Sarin provides this data to us at

the meeting each month.

Many residents indicated their interest in finding out more about the Public Safety Committee during the recent Glen Park "Community Festival." We will be contacting you soon and are looking forward to your participation on our committee!



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A MESSAGE FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVE DOGS AND NATURE

—Jean Connor

In the springtime, annual seedlings are just sprouting on the hillsides and in the seep area deep in the canyon. Some of these plants are essential food plants for butterflies and other creatures. Newly emerging plants are easily broken and destroyed by the nails and feet of dogs. Erosion begins when plants are scraped away by dogs scrambling up the roadside banks after balls and sticks.

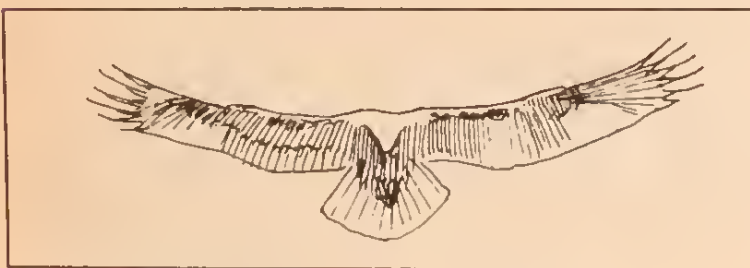
Friends of Glen Canyon Park and members of the California Native Plant Society have spent many hours planting native plants on the hillsides. The plants need a chance to take root and establish themselves. These tender flowering plants can be protected by keeping our dogs on leashes and on the paths and trails.

The canyon can be a haven for birds as well as a wonderful garden of native flowers and butterflies. Dog walkers can help the fauna as well as the flora.

This is the time when birds are preparing for the nesting season. Many of them stop off in the canyon to rest and feed so they will be in good shape when they reach their nesting sites farther north and begin breeding. Most birds do not seem to be frightened by two-legged creatures as they are by those with four legs. Birds that nest in the canyon also need undisturbed feeding time. Our Red-Tailed Hawks catch gophers and mice on the grassy hillsides and cannot successfully hunt if a dog is running through the grassland.

There are good places to run your dog behind the Recreation Center, along the roads and in the area off Elk Street between Sussex and Chenery (the ropes-course area). Remember, however, that you can be cited and fined if your dog is off leash in any part of the park. There are areas in San Francisco where dogs can be allowed to run off leash when they are under "Voice Control." Call the Recreation and Parks Department at 666-7200 for a brochure.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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Emilio Cruz/Rev. Cecil Williams Visit GPA Meetings

—Joan Siewald

At the January meeting of the Glen Park Association, Emilio Cruz, Mayor Brown's hand-picked MUNI czar, talked about the problems and, especially, the frustrations facing him as the person chosen to fix MUNI. We all remember Mayor Brown's promise to do just that, even if he had to drive a bus himself. So far the Mayor has declined this option, but has chosen his former Chief-of-Staff to have a go at it and has given him carte blanche to do what he needs to do to turn MUNI around.

Cruz listed several of the problems facing him. Some current union work rules and civil service requirements make it difficult to have the flexibility needed to make changes. Another problem is unrealistic scheduling, and yet another is the public's varied perceptions of what MUNI should be doing (what is often too much for one person is not enough for another). Then there is the money problem; while San Francisco's fares are low in comparison to other major cities, MUNI's wages are among the highest.

He added that the answer to the question "How come BART and CALTrain run on time and MUNI doesn't?" is that BART and CALTrain have dedicated right-of-ways and MUNI drivers have to deal with traffic, blocked bus zones, double parking, delivery vans, etc.

At times sounding rather amused, Cruz mentioned his delight in learning that he has the right to ticket scofflaws. He did, however, mention that he usually gives warnings but will issue a ticket for really serious offenses. He said most people do not really enjoy that \$255 cup of coffee.

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Featured guest at the March 11, 1997 meeting of the Glen Park Association was the Reverend Cecil Williams, leader of the Glide Memorial United Methodist Church.

The Reverend Williams, a resident of "upper" Glen Park, was hand-picked to preside at Glide. He described his mission at Glide and emphasized the diversity of both his congregation and the more than 25,000 volunteers who work in programs ranging from feeding the hungry to teaching three-year-olds basic computer skills. Glide's next project is to build housing for the homeless next to the church.

He advised his audience not to give money to the panhandlers because too often the recipients spend the money on drugs or liquor. Instead, he urged, tell them that they need never go hungry -- St. Anthony's and Glide feed anyone in need.

Students Use Living Lab to Apply Science Concepts

Sunnyside Elementary School has adopted Glen Canyon Park through a pilot program of the San Francisco Unified School District called Adopt-A-Watershed, an engaging K-12 science curriculum that uses local watershed as a focal point for bringing theory into application. It becomes a living laboratory in which students participate in field studies and restoration projects, making science relevant to their lives.

On March 14, Dr. John Hafernik will join the Adopt-A-Watershed class to share his knowledge about reintroduction of the Forktail Damselfly. Restoration projects are tentatively scheduled for April 11, 18 and 25. Richard Craib, of Friends of Glen Canyon Park, has been kind enough to donate native plant seed for the students to propagate and use in future restoration efforts. If you are interested in discovering new ways for schools and communities to work together, please contact Robin Honan at 841-1550.

CITYSEARCH7 PUTS THE GLEN PARK ASSOCIATION ON THE INTERNET

—Barbara Zierten

The Glen Park Association is going on the Internet! In an effort to promote the Glen Park neighborhood and its amenities, the Glen Park Association will be on the Internet through CitySearch7, a new Internet information service in San Francisco that offers comprehensive local news, business ads, entertainment listings and community services together in one package.

Although the company name is CitySearch, here in San Francisco it is called CitySearch7 because it has teamed up with KGO-TV online to offer in-depth news. While businesses pay monthly fees to promote their web sites, nonprofits such as the Glen Park Association get web pages designed free of charge.

In a November, 1996 article in the *San Francisco Business Times*, Scott Garell, CitySearch7's general manager, said, "Our goal is to enter into partnerships that build our credibility and help weave us into the fabric of the community. We want to make it easy for people to use the Internet to take advantage of everything San Francisco has to offer."

CitySearch already has web sites in Pasadena, Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill, N.C., and New York City. By the end of next year, the company expects to cover 30 cities, including some in Europe.

For those of you who are techno experts, CitySearch is a full-scale Java application, with a proprietary search engine and server, and a custom illustra database. For the rest of us, that means the photographs are clear and beautiful and in living color and you will be able to search for Glen Park from the CitySearch7 home page.

In the meantime, if you're online, look up CitySearch7 and see how exciting it is. If you would like more information about the company and its services, call CitySearch at 437-3110.

See you at www.CitySearch7.com.



Everybody Reads the *Glen Park News*...

Photo by Z. Nordstrom

Free Legal Advice!

If you think you might need an attorney but aren't sure, there's a program just for you. The Bar Association of San Francisco sponsors a free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic on the second Saturday morning of each month at the Main Library. And it's not just for low-income clients; everyone is welcome. You will receive a private consultation with an attorney who will determine if you have a legal problem. If you need further legal assistance, you will receive a referral from the attorney to an appropriate agency. Most areas of the law, including family, landlord/tenant, business, consumer, wills, personal injury, employment and small claims are covered at the clinic. For more information call The Bar Association of San Francisco at 764-1616. *BZ*

MORE NEWS FROM BILL AND VAL TIETZ

The property next to the Glen Park Library at 649 Chenery Street is now boarded up in preparation for the demolition and rebuilding that is planned by the Tietz family for later this year. The proposed new structure will be a two-story building on Chenery Street, with a lower level on the natural south slope, plus garage on Wilder Street. The addition of a two-bedroom unit over the garage may be a deductive alternate.

Over the past year there has been contact with the Real Estate Division of the Library, and they will be given the right of first refusal for the first floor. This would more than double the library space and could be used for adult books, leaving the children's section in the existing library building, with a pass-through for convenience.

On the lower level, a Glen Park resident plans a preschool, with possible use by older children of school age as a safe sanctuary after school hours. The top floor will be a residence for the Tietz's son and family.

In order to preserve and tie together those things that are meaningful to them, the Tietz's are thinking of sponsoring a sculpture project using a portion of a large redwood tree from the back yard. If you have any input, now is the time. This venture into the arts could be very exciting!

Val Tietz, 657 Chenery Street, 586-7037.

Glen Park Association

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Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____

Home Address _____
No PO boxes please

Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____

Fax # _____ e-mail address _____

My main concerns about Glen Park are: _____

Do you have any special skills or interests (writing, computer graphics) that you can provide the association? _____

Do you own a computer? _____ Type _____

Do you have access to the Internet? _____

I am interested in the following committee(s):

- ☐ Health & Environment
- ☐ Neighborhood Improvement
- ☐ Program (Meeting Agenda & Speakers)
- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Publication (Quarterly Newsletter)
- ☐ Recreation & Park
- ☐ Traffic, Parking & Transportation
- ☐ Zoning & Planning

Dues are only \$10.00 per person per calendar year!



Recreation Center-Glen Park Canyon

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SEED MONEY NEEDED FOR REC CENTER REHAB

In January, the Glen Park Association requested seed money from Mayor Brown's office to get started on the rehabilitation of the recreation center at Glen Canyon Park. As you all know, this WPA project is in dire need of an upgrade. It doesn't seem as though anything has been done since the 1930s. Not only does the building need seismic upgrade, but the entire infrastructure needs to be evaluated, and plans need to be made and implemented.

Our goal is to expand building use and increase programs to serve the community at large: youth programs, seniors and other park users. There is already a theater (currently not used), and accommodations for a nursery school can be easily incorporated into the plans to serve the ever-increasing needs of working parents. These things can be done without changing the footprint of the building. Of course, disabled access will be addressed, as well as electrical, plumbing and acoustic upgrades.

We know that renovation of the rec center will only occur if we do it. Rec and Park does not have the funding for park projects that have been languishing for years. For example, Rec and Park's Joel Robinson has said that Visitacion Valley doesn't even have a working recreation center because it was in such dangerous shape they had to close it several years ago.

As similar communities have done in the Michelangelo and Pioneer Park projects, members of the Glen Park community want to be involved in, and even in charge of, getting our rec center into better condition so it can be more fully utilized. We expect to do this with donations of money, building materials and skilled crafts labor from local residents and volunteers from other parts of the City.

If you can help with fundraising, grantwriting, skilled labor, architecture, engineering, donations of materials or in any other way, please call 737-1366 and leave your name and phone number. Someone will get back to you. An ad hoc committee has been established and has several committed volunteers. We know we have the talent, strong backs and hands, brains and creative ideas. We can do it.